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Motorist Throws Drugs out Window

On January 19, 2006 at approximately 7:00 PM, Trooper Rick Bettger was traveling south on NE 94th Avenue approaching Padden Parkway. Bettger observed a white 1990 Buick Skylark driven by Dewayne A. Osborne, a 20 year old resident of Washougal. The Buick was displaying an expired tab on its rear license plate.

When Bettger activated his emergency lights Osborne failed to stop. Osborne was making furtive movements as he turned into a residential neighborhood. Osborne, still not stopping tossed, what appeared to be clear plastic baggie out the window. Bettger stopped and retrieved the baggie that contained a crystal substance. Osborne quickly accelerated going out of sight of Bettger. Bettger was alerted by a resident of the neighborhood of the direction in which Osborne traveled. Bettger proceeded to search the area for Osborne when he was alerted by another resident that Osborne exited the Buick and ran through their backyard.

Bettger observed the Buick parked in the driveway of a residence. Bettger walked to a fence in the backyard of the residence and radioed in for a K-9 to assist with tracking Osborne. Bettger heard a voice coming from the area of a tree near the residence. It was Osborne who stated he wanted to give up because he heard the trooper requesting the K-9.

Osborne declined to answer any of Bettger's questions after being taken into custody. A driver's check indicated Osborne's license was suspended in the first degree (Habitual Traffic Offender). Osborne also had warrants issued from Clark County for attempting to elude a police officer, theft in the

first degree, theft in the third degree and driving while license suspended in the first degree.

A field test was conducted on the substance in the baggie Osborne tossed from the Buick and found to methamphetamine.

Osborne was booked in the Clark County Jail for Attempting to Elude, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Methamphetamine) and Driving while License Suspended in the First Degree (Habitual Traffic Offender).

Note: This is another example of the trooper looking beyond the license plate and taking another unlicensed drug user off the road.

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